



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be October 17, 2018.

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EDMODO

[EDMODO](#) has expanded to include new small groups within our own network group so topics can be easily sorted by specific assessments – all under the same account. Look for **Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019**. **New code: rig4en.**

IDAHO READING INDICATOR

Fall IRI testing window

Fall IRI testing window is now closed. We will have public IRI data available the last week of October.

Fall IRI Training with Istation

Thanks to those who have attended Istation training in Coeur D' Alene and Lewiston. The focus is on assessment results, available reports and changing instruction. Trainings in Regions 3, 4, 5

and 6 are scheduled for next week. Registration for those trainings has closed in Regions 5 and 6 and it will close Thursday and Friday of this week for Region 3. IRI District Implementation Coordinators have registration information.

Two Q & A webinars scheduled to help clarify any confusion with Istation.

- [Please register for IRI - Q&A on Oct. 30, 2018 10:00 AM MDT](#)
- [Please register for IRI - Q&A on Nov. 8, 2018 3:00 PM MDT](#)

Please bring any questions I can address for clarify and join us! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar. These webinars will be recorded and posted online.

SCIENCE

Help us develop Idaho's new science assessment!

Applications are being accepted from science teachers, special education teachers and English Language learner teachers, curriculum specialists and higher education faculty for review of content and fairness of **new science assessment items aligned to the new science standards** in December.

The Content Advisory Committee will meet December 3-5 and the Fairness Committee will meet December 6-7. If you would like to be considered for **one or both** of these item review committees, please submit your application no later than *Friday, October 12*, using the [online application link](#).

The SDE will select participants from the pool to ensure diverse, balanced committees representing educators and stakeholders across the state. The SDE will cover all travel related expenses (hotel, miles/airfare, meals) and will cover substitute teachers up to \$70 per day for selected committee members. Committee members will be notified by the week of October 29.

For more information, contact [Heidi Arrate](#) or call her at (208) 332-6909.
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ISAT

NEW Interim Assessment “Focused Blocks”

Smarter Balanced is asking for teacher feedback from the field as they fine tune their project to build focused Interim Assessment Blocks. These blocks would be short, but cover only one to two assessment targets. We are looking for teachers with experience using the existing IABs and have that context when providing feedback about these proposed new blocks which will dig deeper into students’ knowledge and skills. To complete the survey(s):

- [ELA Survey](#)
- [Math Survey](#)

The input received from our educators will assist in identifying the content to emphasized within the target(s) of a particular Focused IAB.

ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System – Important Dates

- **October 23** – Focused IAB Survey closes.
- **October 24** – LIVE Digital Library Webinar (details to follow).

If you need technical assistance uploading students, users or rosters, please contact the Idaho AIR Help Desk at 844-560-7365 or IDHelpDesk@air.org.

For more information, contact [Nancy Thomas Price](#) or call her at (208) 332-6988.
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IDAHO ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

Idaho Extended Content Standards Find a New Home

We are pleased to announce that the Idaho Extended Content Standards have a new home on the Idaho State Department of Education [Idaho Content Standards](#) webpage, with all the other Idaho Content Standards. The Extended Content Standards are located on each content area. The ELA and Math Extended Content Standards were newly adopted last spring. The Science Extended Content Standards have not changed, but have a new look.

Home / Departments / Academics / Idaho Content Standards

Idaho Content Standards



All students graduating from Idaho public high schools must meet state adopted content standards. These standards are to be used as a minimum threshold by every school district in the state in order to establish some consistency in academic content statewide.

Academics »

- > **Idaho Content Standards**
- > Arts and Humanities
- > Computer Science

IDAA SCIENCE PORTFOLIO BASELINE DATA

It is time to start thinking about preparing for the IDAA Science Portfolio assessment. Even though we are calling it the IDAA Science Portfolio, instead of the ISAT-Alt Science Portfolio, there are no changes to the assessment from the past two years. The [2016-17 Idaho Standards Achievement Tests Alternate Assessment Science Portfolio Manual](#) is still current, except for the dates and IPASS application, and you can download it from the [Idaho Training Clearinghouse Testing Students with Disabilities Statewide webpage](#). The IPASS application will open on January 1, 2019.



Science Extended Content Standards

Grades: 5, 7, & 10

You may be asking yourself, “Why do I need to start thinking about the IDAA Science Portfolio right now? The testing window does not open until January 1, 2019.” One of the important components of the IDAA Science Portfolio is the reporting of baseline data. Teachers should begin collecting baseline data on the student’s performance on the [Idaho Extended Content Standards in Science](#) **this month**. You will enter student baseline data related to the complexity, independence, and accuracy of their performance on each objective into the IPASS application when you upload student artifacts.

If you have any questions about IPASS or alternate assessments, please email [Karren Streagle](#) or call her at (208) 332-6824.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT/NMSQT School Day: October 10, Alternate Test Date October 24.

This is an optional assessment for 10th graders with the state paying for all public high school sophomores who participate.

PSAT Key Dates:

- **September 24-28:** Test materials should have arrived in school if submitted bulk registration file by **September 13**. Otherwise, will arrive a week before the test date.

SAT School Day

- SDE will be sending an email October 8 to PSAT Day Coordinators to update contacts and spring break dates in preparation for SAT School Day. Response requested by October 17.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

WIDA Assessments

- ACCESS test new materials and changes: [ACCESS for ELLs: What's New for 2018-19](#)
- Stay on top of WIDA assessment updates and announcements: [Assessment updates page](#)
- Needing WIDA training account(s) created? Contact help@wida.us or call: 1-866-276-7735
- WIDA AMS account creation (test set up site): Contact wida@datarecognitioncorp.com or check in with your district test coordinator.

Training and certification

- Re-certification is not required for WIDA Screener if completed last year.
- ACCESS 2.0 certification will be required this school year, even if completed last year.
- If you are a new staff member, certification for any assessment including Screener must be completed prior to administering.

Testing Specifics		Start Date	End Date
Pre-Testing	Test Materials Ordering Available in AMS (LEAs)	Mon 10/22/18	Fri 11/16/18
	Load Pre-ID File into AMS (LEAs)	Mon 10/22/18	Fri 11/16/18
	WIDA AMS Test Setup Available for Test Sessions	Wed 1/2/19	Fri 3/8/19

	Districts Receive Test Materials (On)	Tue 1/15/19	Tue 1/15/19
During Testing	Test Window	Mon 1/28/19	Fri 3/8/19
	Additional Test Material Ordering Window in AMS	Tue 1/15/19	Fri 3/1/19
Post-Testing	Deadline for Shipping Completed Test Materials to DRC	Fri 3/15/19	Fri 3/15/19
	Pre-Reporting Data Validation – LEAs in AMS	Mon 4/1/19	Fri 4/5/19
	Districts Receive Reports - Printed and Online (On)	Tue 5/21/19	Tue 5/21/19

Helpful resources:

- [Quick Guide to Screener Online](#)
- [Technology Readiness for WIDA Assessments](#)
- [WIDA Screener Resources](#) (right hand column of this page are Free Webinars/Trainings on Screener)
- [WIDA AMS User Guide Videos](#)

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.

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OCTOBER'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

The next webinar of the 2018-2019 school year will be Wednesday, **October 10**, at **10:00 AM MST**. Join us to hear timely updates from the SDE Assessment and Accountability team concerning important deadlines and updates or changes that you'll want to know.

Here are the links for webinars scheduled through June. Go ahead and register for all nine now, so they will be on your calendar. For previous webinars, including September's, please visit the [Resource Center for Assessment and Accountability](#).

[October 10](#)

[November 14](#)

[December 12](#)

[January 9](#)

[February 13](#)

[March 13](#)

[April 10](#)

[May 8](#)

[June 12](#)

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